



August 19, 2015

Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**In the Matter of:      Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of  
Directors; CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.**

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of Internet2's U.S. Unified Community Anchor Network (U.S. UCAN) program, I am writing this letter to endorse the American Library Association's (ALA) nomination of Robert Bocher to serve on the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Board of Directors. The ALA's nomination letter clearly articulates Mr. Bocher's many years experience with the E-rate program. In addition to assisting libraries and schools with the program's application processes, he has made substantive contributions to program changes by, for example, helping draft many of the comments ALA has filed with the FCC on E-rate program reforms—including the most recent modernization effort.

From U.S. UCAN's perspective, Mr. Bocher was the library representative on the task force that wrote the 2011 report on *Community Anchor Network Economic Models*. In addition, he is the ALA's representative on the U.S. UCAN Advisory Council and in this capacity, I and members of the Council appreciate his input and advocacy on behalf of libraries. Mr. Bocher recently assisted US UCAN staff in submitting to the Institute of Museum and Library Services a grant to fund the "Toward Gigabit Libraries" project. This project will develop and pilot a set of broadband assessment tools to increase staff knowledge of broadband infrastructure, especially for librarians serving rural communities and tribal libraries.

In conclusion, I am certain Mr. Bocher will be a strong voice for libraries on the USAC Board of Directors and I strongly support his nomination by the American Library Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SS", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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